

study in support of this piece of legislation has been placed on your desk this morning. That will later be reduced and incorporated into your bill book in compliance with Rule 514(b). That was a change in the rules this year. With that, I would simply commend LB 505 to you for your consideration and favorable passage.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, would Senator Will yield to a question?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Will.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Will, does the...I was noticing in the bill book that there wasn't...we had testifiers in support of the bill from the OEA, School Boards Association, School Administrators. I was looking for someone representing the School Board. Was that...were they...on the list of individuals that was testifying was there a representative from the board there to testify in support of the bill?

SENATOR WILL: I believe there was, Senator Abboud. I don't...I'm looking for the committee statement right now. Michael Smith, the second testifier after me, is with the Omaha School Employees Retirement System and he was speaking on behalf of the board.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay, so they were in favor of this bill...proposal?

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: So, this wouldn't be a situation where we're mandating a proposal down on the school district as far as changing their retirement benefits?

SENATOR WILL: No, the school district fully supports this piece of legislation.

SENATOR ABOUD: They requested the legislation be introduced?

SENATOR WILL: They requested it.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay. Now, one additional question. As far as